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THE OFFICIAL BEE GEES FAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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We've arrived late, but we're up to date! After a bit of a delay, we're glad to be back with another issue of the official Bee Gees newsletter. There's a great deal of exciting news to cover, including fan club renewal information, so let's get started.

Two important announcements to start things off with this issue: First, Maurice is fully recovered from his recent surgery, and he'd like to thank each and everyone of you for the wonderful cards and letters that you have sent to him. They helped to fill his time while recuperating in Miami. Like his brothers, Maurice is looking ahead to another exciting year for the Bee Gees.

For our European fans, there has been a change in the Bee Gees upcoming tour schedule. Due to the Japanese concert dates being cancelled, the whole tour has been rescheduled for 1981. At the present time, Japan is tentatively scheduled for June and Europe for the month of August. These dates are subject to change. There are also discussions underway for the Bee Gees to tour Australia. We'll keep you posted with more details, as soon as they're available.

LATEST BEE GEES PROJECTS

1979 will remain an unforgettable year for Barry, Maurice and Robin. Among the many highlights of the past year was the Bee Gees incredible North American tour and the excitement of having their first television special. Looking back on the last year, Barry told us, "It's been great. I never dreamed that the second stage of our career would be so successful."

With these accomplishments behind them, Barry, Maurice and Robin are all taking a little time off to concentrate on their own individual projects. As Barry put it, "The projects are ones that we're looking forward to and they should be a lot of fun for us and the fans as well."

BARRY

Barry certainly has been quite busy. He co-produced brother Andy's recent album, "After Dark," with regular Bee Gees co-producers Karl Richardson and Albhy Galuten. Barry had a hand in writing all the songs on the album, including two he co-wrote with Andy, "One Love," and "Someone I Ain't." One of the album's highlights, however, has to be the hit single "Desire," which features the Bee Gees on background vocals!

Currently in the works, is the long talked about Barbra Streisand album, which Barry is producing. We spoke with Barry in the recording studio recently, and he told us that the album is coming along great. "I've really enjoyed doing this album. Barbra is a pleasure to work with. She's a total pro."

Recording for the album has taken place in both Miami and Los Angeles, and Barry has written all the songs for the project, some in collaboration with either Robin, Maurice or Albhy Galuten. Barry will be dueting with Barbra on one song and titles to look out for include, "What Kind of Fool," "Woman in Love," and "Guilty." Everyone concerned is very excited about the finished sessions and we can be expecting another exceptional album in the near future.

Barry is also seriously considering a future involvement in motion pictures. Negotiations are currently in the early talking stages and Barry is tremendously excited about an upcoming acting career. "It's something I'm really looking forward to," says Barry. "I want to start with a small role, but if the film has a major cast and I'm working off professional actors, then the role could be a larger one."

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MAURICE

As we mentioned earlier, Maurice is fully recovered from his recent operation, which repaired a ruptured disc in his back. After taking time off to recuperate, Maurice is itching to get back to work. Upcoming plans call for him to produce several acts in the near future, and compose the musical scores for some new motion pictures. Maurice says, "I've always wanted to produce music for a film. It really should be quite a challenge."

Maurice is also entertaining the idea of entering the film world. He, too, feels that an acting career should be broached slowly, and that the Bee Gees should be involved in films on an individual basis, so that they can really test their acting abilities.

ROBIN

Robin has just completed his first solo production work since the late sixties with RSO recording artist, Jimmy Ruffin. Robin explains how the sessions for the album came about. "I've known Jimmy for years and one day he simply phoned me up and asked if I would like to produce some tracks for him. I said yes, and it all evolved from there."

Working with Bee Gees keyboardist, Blue Weaver, the album quickly took shape. The initial single from it, "Hold On To Your Love," quickly became a top ten hit, and the album will follow shortly. Included among the titles are "Searchin," "Forever," and "Where Do I Go," the last of which was written by Barry, Maurice, Robin and Andy, back in the days of "Sgt. Pepper." The song was to be the first single from all four brothers!

Robin is very happy with the way the final cut of the album turned out, and there is now some talk that he may produce some tracks for RSO recording artist Marcy Levy, in the near future.

Recordings,etc.

After their individual projects are completed, the Bee Gees will start recording their next album in August. New things are promised for the album and we're sure that it will contain a few surprises as well. As Barry points out, "Soundwise, there will be things you've never heard. We're going into the studio with a very experimental attitude."

The album also marks a change for the Bee Gees in the way they work in preparing material. "We're going to have all of our songs written by the time we enter the studio," says Barry, "which is something different than we've ever done before." Barry, Maurice and Robin have already started working on some new songs for this album and they can't wait to get back into the studio together. A release date has been penciled in for early 1981 and we know this will be the most eagerly anticipated Bee Gees album to date.

In other news, discussions are currently under way to turn THE LEGEND, the book we recently offered you, (a special discount coupon is enclosed with this newsletter) into a full-length, animated, motion picture. If the book becomes a motion picture, the Bee Gees will be writing a completely new musical soundtrack for the film.

Finally, a complete photo album of the entire 1979 North American tour is in the planning stages. If and when the book is published, it will contain many exciting and never before seen shots of Barry, Maurice and Robin, both in concert and behind the scenes. Taken from the great photography of tour photographer Bob Sherman, it is sure to be a treasured momento for all Bee Gees fans. We'll keep you posted on the book's progress.

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TIME OFF

Since the beginning of the year, there hasn't been much time to relax for the Bee Gees. Barry has been busy producing the Streisand album and writing new songs for the upcoming Bee Gees album. Shortly before recording sessions began for the new album, Barry and Linda planned their first holiday in Las Vegas. After a brief stay in Miami, Maurice and Yvonne went off to vacation in their new home in London. And Robin, after finishing Jimmy Ruffin's album, returned to England to relax with Molly and the kids.

Earlier this year, Robin traveled with Molly and their two children to Florida for a two week vacation. It was the first trip there for Molly and the children and during their visit they had an opportunity to see Disney World and the Florida Keys. Robin reports that they all had a terrific time.

AMERICAN MUSIC AWARDS

The Bee Gees were thrilled to win two awards at the American Music Awards which were held in Los Angeles. Andy attended the ceremonies for his brothers. The Brothers Gibb were honored as the best pop group of the year as well as receiving the best album of the year award for "Spirits Having Flown."

Even with the many awards that they have won in the past, Maurice expressed "total shock at winning. We simply didn't expect to win the awards. It was really a pleasant surprise."

LAST SHOW ALL WET?

The last show of the Bee Gees North American tour turned out to be a totally unique performance for everyone involved. Held outdoors at the Miami Baseball Stadium in Florida, it began to rain shortly after the Sweet Inspirations appeared on stage to start their opening act. Within minutes the rain began to pour and the performance had to stop. The audience sat patiently in the downpour for over two hours until it let up and then greeted the Bee Gees and their band with a standing ovation. All turned out well in the end, however, as the Bee Gees gave one of their best shows of the tour and Andy joined his brothers for a rousing encore.

RENEWALS

Bee Gees fan club members, renewal time is here and Barry, Maurice and Robin welcome you to Year Number Two in the Official Bee Gees Fan Club.

Newsletter Four completes our first year. Year Number Two promises to be filled with loads of news, up-to-date facts (not fiction or gossip) of your favorite threesome, and, of course, special offers and the excitement of belonging to The Official Bee Gees Fan Club. For those of you due to renew you will be receiving a new dated membership card and a terrific cloisonne Bee Gees fan club membership charm. This unisex charm (for both guys and gals) can be worn on a chain, a bracelet or on a key ring and is yours as a gift with renewal in the fan club. Your renewal coupon is included with this issue. Also, please note—when ordering more than one item, they may arrive separately.

EUROPEAN FANS—Please see separate enclosed sheet from your official European headquarters for merchandise available to fans in Europe. Also includes your renewal information.

Barry, Maruice and Robin welcome your interest, your support and your overwhelming loyalty and enthusiasm in helping to make this a super fan club.

HERE & NOW

Bee Gees Update

- "Saturday Night Fever" was recently recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records for being the biggest-selling album of all time. Meanwhile, "Spirits Having Flown" continues to sell, having amassed nearly 5 million sales in the U.S. and over 10 million world-wide.

- The Bee Gees Greatest Hits album has continued the incredible string of chart successes for Barry, Maurice and Robin. This latest platinum album was in the top ten for over two months and spent time at the number one spot on many of the record charts.

UNTIL NEXT TIME

With all of the Bee Gees upcoming projects, the months ahead are sure to contain lots of news, excitement and surprises for everyone. We look forward to beginning our second year with you as the Official Bee Gees Fan Club and reporting and sharing in the experience that is "The Bee Gees!"

- During a break from recording the new Streisand album, Barry and Linda had the opportunity to relax with Barbra at her beautiful ten acre ranch in a secluded valley in Los Angeles. The new friendship was a highlight of their trip to L.A.
- Bee Gees parents, Hugh and Barbara Gibb, have moved to a new home in Los Angeles. Both are very excited about the move and Andy is also entertaining the idea of moving west.
- Barry's son Stevie is becoming quite a talent on the family piano. Another future Gibb recording star in the offing?
- Finally, happy birthday to Melissa Gibb, Robin's daughter. Melissa's sixth birthday is June 17th.